

## Questions To Ask a Doctor or Pharmacist

Take this with you to your doctor or pharmacist

What is the name of the medicine I have been prescribed?

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Is there a generic form of the drug? If so, what is it called? \_\_\_\_\_

Why am I taking it?

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What are the side effects? Which should be reported immediately?

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How often should I take the medication?

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How much do I take?

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What should I do if I miss a dose?

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When should I take the drug? What time of day? Do I have to wake up in the middle of the night to take a dose?

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When can I stop taking this drug?

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Are there any special precautions I should be aware of (such as taking with or without food). Specifically ask, "Can I drink alcohol with this medicine?"

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May I drive while taking this drug?

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Will this drug interact with any other prescription or over-the-counter medications I am taking?

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